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Master's degree graduate joins Concordia-Portland administration

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Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security Master's degree alumni Scott Winegar is joining the administration of Concordia University-Portland where he will be Vice President of Campus Security and Emergency Management.

The promotion comes almost seven years after the former Portland Police Bureau Captain led the creation of the school's homeland security degree curriculum. In his new role Winegar will oversee the campus police force and its emergency management department.

"Of all the many valuable things I gained from my CHDS experience, the most valuable was the ability to look to the future," Winegar said. "Most can see what is happening today. CHDS taught me to recognize what is needed tomorrow. Our academic program is forward leaning because of what I gained from attending CHDS. I used my thesis experience to develop the undergraduate program, and used the CHDS template to develop our master's program which will launch in the spring. I am grateful that I discovered how I can repay the homeland security enterprise for all I received from CHDS."



Winegar began developing Concordia's bachelor's degree curriculum in Homeland Security and Emergency management in 2009, drawing from his CHDS master's degree thesis, "[Developing the Bench: Building an Effective Homeland Security Undergraduate Program](#)." Concordia was among the first institutions to participate in the CHDS [University and Agency Partnership Initiative](#), which collaborates on curriculum developed at the Center with schools around the country.

Concordia complemented its curriculum in 2015 by opening a simulation lab, Utilities National Training Center, that provides real-world practice education for its students and training for outside agencies.

Winegar spent more than 30 years in law enforcement, retiring with the Portland Police Bureau in 2007. He served as Operations Manager for the Portland Office of Emergency Management and rose to the rank of colonel with the National Guard.

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